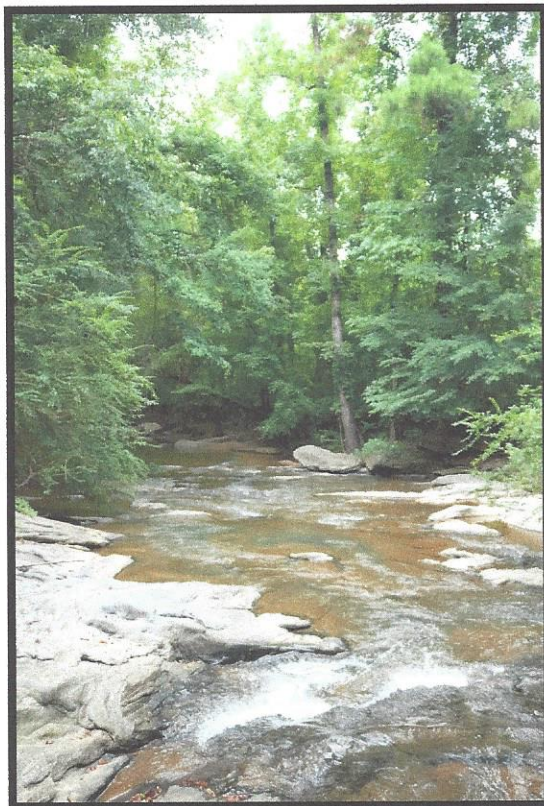


# **FY 2021 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

## **PEPPERELL CREEKLINE TRAIL**



**A PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF OPELIKA  
AND  
CREEKLINE TRAILS OF OPELIKA**

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist to ensure all required application documents are included prior to submitting to ADECA. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

Letter on entity letterhead signed by the Chief Elected Official	X
Application Cover Sheet (Page 9)	X
Resolution adopted by the legal entity of the applicant authorizing the submission of the application and committing all matching funds required to complete the proposed project	X
A narrative description of the proposed project and responses to each of the application rating criterion (Pages 10-13)	X
Project Cost Estimate (Page 14)	X
Detailed Project Budget with Descriptive Narrative	
Schedule of project activities necessary for project completion to include measurable milestones (18-month period beginning July 2021)	X
Preliminary Site Plan	X
Location/Vicinity Map	X
Verification of SAM.gov Registration	X
Environmental Assessment:	
Concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	X
Concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	X
Concurrence from the Alabama Historical Commission	X
Approval to cross a public highway or a public utility right-of-way (if applicable)	X
Water obstruction & encroachment permit (if applicable)	NA
Hazardous materials survey if real property is to be acquired with grant funds	NA
Environmental Assessment (if applicable)	NA
Copy of deed to property, plat, and/or legal description of the property proposed for purchase and/or development	X
NOTE: If real property is to be acquired with grant funds, the acquisition must comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (The Uniform Act). Implementation regulations for The Uniform Act are found in 49 CFR Part 24. <b>You may not acquire property until after the grant agreement has been executed and consultation with ADECA staff has occurred.</b>	
Signed statement from landowner expressing support (This is applicable if the applicant and landowner are <b>not</b> the same. <b>A recorded easement allowing trail construction will be required from the landowner before construction begins.</b> )	X
Environmental Screening Form and Environmental Checklist (Pages 17-20)	X
Letters of endorsement, support, and commitment; other documentation of citizen participation	X

You must include a copy of this completed checklist with your application. Please see the following website for electronic versions of the forms:  
<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/Recreation/Pages/Programs.aspx>.



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February 19, 2021

Ms. Crystal Talley  
Community Services Unit Chief  
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Ms. Talley:

The City of Opelika is pleased to submit our FY 2021 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application.

We are requesting a grant in the amount of \$ 400,000 and we are committing \$ 148,545.50 in cash and in-kind contributions.

We are very excited about our partnership with Creekline Trails of Opelika. Their planning and encouragement is making possible the development of new trail facility for benefit of our community. We are proposing to construct a multi-use trail on the banks of Pepperell Creek.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our proposal. Do not hesitate to call of on me 334-705-5150 or call Scott Parker, City Engineer, at 334-705-5450.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Fuller".

Gary Fuller  
Mayor



**Application Cover Sheet****Applicant's Name (Organization):** City of Opelika**Address:** P. O. Box 390Opelika, AL ZIP+4: 36803-0390**County:** Lee**FEI Number:** 63-6001334**DUNS Number:** 831542035**Project Title:** Pepperell Creekline Trail**Project Description:** A multi-use trail that is 5,050 linear feet and 10 feet in width to be  
constructed along the banks of Pepperell Branch**Park Name, if applicable:** Pepperell Creekline Trail**Park (project location) Address:** On Waverly Parkway just off US Highway 280 West at the site of Pepperell  
BranchZIP+4:**Latitude and Longitude**  
**(deg/min/sec):** 32.65076 -85.548714**Congressional District**  
**(for project location):** 3<sup>rd</sup>**State Senate District**  
**(for project location):** 13, 27, 28**State House District**  
**(for project location):** 39, 79, 81**Applicant Contact Person and Title:** Scott Parker, City Engineer, City of Opelika**Phone and Email:** 334-705-5450 sparker@opelika-al.gov**Grant Administrator or** Louise Campbell  
**Other Contact, Title, and**  
**Organization:** Owner, L. P. Campbell Company**Phone and Email:** 404-423-9999 lpccgrants@aol.com

Total Project Cost: \$ 548,454.50 Funds Requested: \$ 400,000.00

**Important Note:** The maximum grant amount by trail type is **\$200,000.00** for non-motorized, single-use trails; **\$400,000.00** for non-motorized, diverse-use trails; **\$500,000.00** for motorized trails; or **\$87,489.00** for education projects.

The applicant certifies that the data contained in the application is true and correct; the application has been duly authorized; and, the applicant understands that incorrect or incomplete information may cause the application to be rejected.



Gary Fuller, Mayor

2-19-2021

(Date)

## Project Descriptive Narrative

Provide a brief, yet informative, description of the proposed project and address each evaluation criterion on the following pages (provide additional information and documentation as needed to support your response to each evaluation criterion).

### **Project Information**

Name of Project: Pepperell Creekline Trail

Trail Length in Linear Feet (L.F.): 5,050 Trail Width: 10"

Trail Surface Type: Asphalt

Application Type: ☐ Non-motorized for a Single Use ☐ Motorized  
☒ Non-motorized for Diverse Use ☐ Educational

Type of Applicant: ☒ City/Town ☐ County  
☐ State ☐ Other

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$	<u>\$ 548,454.50</u>
Grant Amount Requested	\$	<u>\$ 400,000.00</u>
Total Local Match	\$	<u>\$ 148,454.50</u>
Cash Match	\$	<u>\$ 86,000.00</u>
Donation/In-Kind	\$	<u>\$ 62,454.50</u>

#### **Brief Description of the Project:**

The City of Opelika in partnership with Creekline Trails of Opelika is proposing to develop a non-motorized for diverse use trail on the banks of Pepperell Branch. The trail will be located within the "Opelika Innovation and Technology Park" which is owned by Opelika Industrial Development Authority (OIDA). The OIDA is willing to grant a permanent easement to the City of Opelika for trail development. The trail itself will be approximately 5,050 linear feet and 10 feet in width. The trail surface is currently proposed to be an asphalt surface, but upon final design it may be possible to upgrade to a concrete surface. The project includes two gravel parking areas with paved parking spots and paved access walkways for ADA compliance. Engineering services are included for final design, contract documents, and inspection. Engineering services will be contributed in-kind by the Opelika Engineering Department.

**Please address each evaluation criterion (100 Total Available Points).**

**1. Describe the degree to which the project's scope and feasibility meet the project area's recreational needs. 10 Points Available**

This project represents a partnership between the City of Opelika and Creekline Trails of Opelika and its many supporters.

Creekline Trails of Opelika is truly a grass-root organization that is committed to carefully planning for a system of trails that provides "outdoor recreation, alternative transportation, and watershed protection". The Creekline Trails organization developed a plan that focuses on the creation of a trail system following Saugahatchee Creek, Rocky Brook Creek, and Pepperell Branch Creek.

Their vision is to "develop nature trails, bike paths and bike lanes, pocket parks, a system of nature trails and multiuse paths lining streams and roadways, greenspace connected with major thoroughfares and bike lanes throughout the city, increased recreational opportunity in a natural, outdoor setting, and utilization and preservation of water resources".

This RTP project represents the first phase of development that will eventually include nature trails, multi-use trails, and pocket parks. This first phase will develop a multi-use trail along the banks of Pepperell Branch. The trail itself will extend 5,050 linear feet and 10 feet in width.

The trail will extend from a point on Waverly Parkway just off US Highway 280 West and run in a southeasterly direction with two forks of the trail on the southeastern section of the trail near Veterans Parkway. The trail will be located on property owned by the Opelika Industrial Development Authority (OIDA). The OIDA has expressed its willingness to grant a permanent easement to the City of Opelika to develop the trail facility (See Attachments: Opelika Industrial Development Authority -Letter of Commitment)

Both the City of Opelika and Creekline Trails of Opelika are working on plans to facilitate opportunities to encourage people to live more active life-styles and to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

To further the goals of Creekline Trails, the organization has secured a grant from the National Park Service (NPS) under the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program that supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects. The NPS will contribute planning professional assistance to develop a Master Plan for Creekline Trails. This planning project has just been initiated this month and completion is anticipated within the next six months.

The City of Opelika is undertaking the development of the "Opelika Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan". This Plan is being developed with grant assistance from the Alabama Department of Transportation. It will include a long-range master plan and a short-range implementation plan. By the year 2030, the City plans to add 33 additional miles of sidewalk and 7.5 miles of bicycle facilities. The planning process is working on identifying missing connections, identifying where connectivity can be increased, prioritizing and phasing projects, and identifying short term projects.

**2. Describe the ways in which the project provides for the greatest number of compatible recreational purposes. 10 Points Available**

This project will represent the first multi-use trail in Opelika and will accommodate pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists. The width of the trail will allow parents with baby carriages to walk or jog, wheelchair users to easily navigate the path, and older citizens room to stroll. Located on the banks of Pepperell Branch, the trail will provide scenic views and allow access to the beauty to be found along the creek.

In 2012, the City of Opelika was awarded a Recreational Trails Program Project 12-RT-53-005 that developed a portion of the 73-acre Wood Duck Heritage and Siddique Nature Park. The RTP project developed a 6.9 -acre site within the Park and includes a .25 nature trail, picnic pavilion, and paved parking area. The Wood Duck Heritage and Siddique Nature Park is a designated site on the Alabama Birding Trail due to the number of migratory birds found in the area.

This proposed RTP multi-use trail site is located directly across Waverly Parkway from the Wood Duck Heritage and Siddique Nature Park. This opens two recreational opportunities: nature trails and multi-use trails within the same vicinity. A crossing of Waverly Parkway is not proposed in this grant application, but Opelika intends to provide a linkage with a well-marked crossing to facilitate use of both areas.

The trail will be located on property that is being developed as the "Opelika Innovation and Technology Park" and is anticipated to attract businesses to the site. Therefore, the trail will indirectly encourage private investment and new employment opportunities.

**3. Describe the ways in which the project provides a new, unique, or more effective means for making trail opportunities available to the public. 10 Points Available**

This is first multi-use trail to be developed in the Opelika community. Locating the multi-use trail along this section of banks of Pepperell Branch will enable easy access for all of Opelika's citizens because it is located within a triangle of three well-used roads (Waverly Parkway, Veterans Parkway, and Highway 280). Although there are other walking paths in the Opelika area, none have the beautiful scenic views and interesting environmental that this promises to provide.

The land on the multi-use path will sit cannot developed because of the utility easements and/or floodplains. It is hoped that smaller Alabama communities will see Opelika's accomplishments and see that multi-use paths can effectively utilize land that would otherwise sit unused. As communities search for appropriate land on which to locate trail projects, constructing this trail within an existing sewer utility easement will be a project that can be duplicated by other communities.

Opelika is more than willing to document the results of this trail project. Opelika will report any construction challenges that occur as a result from using the sewer easement and Opelika will measure benefits from use and participation rates on the trail itself. Creekline Trails of Opelika plans to document and promote building the nature path on its website and social media sites. Citizens and other interested parties will be able to follow construction progress, learn about the challenges faced, and be ready to enjoy the trail when it is completed.

**4. Describe the ways in which the project facilitates the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities, older citizens, economically disadvantaged, and other special populations or groups. 10 Points Available**

Creekline Trails of Opelika is committed to developing nature trails and multi-use trails that may be equally enjoyed by all our community citizens. The path under consideration will be in the the “Opelika Innovation and Technology Park” which is located in a designated Opportunity Zone. Governor Kay Ivey designated 158 Opportunity Zones across Alabama. These Opportunity Zones are defined by census tracts representing low-income areas. Opelika Census Tract 411 is a qualified Opportunity Zone which can benefit from private investment and certain tax incentives. Opelika has taken advantage of this designation to promote private investment in the area. Companies that will locate in the Innovation and Technology Park will qualify for tax incentives. Equally as important, families that live along this section of Waverly Parkway generally have lower incomes. Unlike other trails and paths in Opelika, which tend to me in more upscale areas, this path will be easily accessible to lower income families as well.

The needs of citizens with physical challenges will be foremost in design considerations. The City of Opelika will design this RTP trail to be compliant with ADA requirements. Attention will be given to creating a level surface with appropriate grades. Attention will also be given to a final design to allow paved access from the parking areas to the trail itself.

**5. Describe the ways in which the project creates opportunities for new partnerships between trail users, private interests, and public agencies within the project area. 10 Points Available**

This proposed project is a result of a very strong partnership between trail users and their partners. As a volunteer organization, Creekline Trails of Opelika has actively involved participation from citizens and interested groups. Creekline Trails was created in 2108 by Rocky and Shealy Langley, who envisioned a network of interconnects paths through the city that folle three creeks. Between 2019-2020, the Langleys presented their idea to public and private organizations and the city government. Everyone responded enthusiastically to the project, and many joined the organization to help the Langleys move the project forward. In the mid-2020, the Creekline organization restructured itself, creating five committees to oversee important aspects (planning, design/construction, fundraising, media, and public relations). The organization also created an advisory board comprised of a project administrator, secretary, treasurer, leaders of each of the communities, and ex-officio members of the city government. The advisory board meets monthly to maintain forward momentum. For instant, in it planning for a system of trails, Creekline has held public meetings to obtain citizen participation in the process. Creekline Trails actively maintains a website and Facebook and Instagram accounts that advertises activities and meetings. These sites are also used to share news regarding current events supporting the work.

Creekline groups; Supporters	Trails of Opelika has been supported by the City of Opelika, and numerous trail user Federal, State, and Regional governments; non-profit organizations; and private interests. include: Envision Opelika Foundation, Inc, the National Park Service, Lee-Russell Council of Governments, Community Foundations of East Alabama, Opelika Bicycle Advisory Committee, Pepperell Branch Watershed Partnership, Alabama Cooperative Extension System,
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Auburn University, Design Program, Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, Central Alabama Mountain Pedalers, Keep Opelika Beautiful, James Brothers Bikes, Opelika Rotary Club, Red Wing Brewing Company, Auburn Bicycle Club, Griff Goods, Alabama Rivers Alliance, Alabama Invasive Plant Council, Kemp Printing, Hike It Baby Auburn Alabama, O Town Ice Cream, and Collaboration Station

In preparing the Opelika Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, Opelika has also actively involved participation from citizens and interested groups. The City has appointed a Bicycle Advisory Committee which is comprised of volunteers and meets on a regular basis. In addition, a public hearing was held on August 27, 2020 and broadcasted on social media. It was followed by a solicitation for Survey Comments.

On February 16, 2021, Opelika held the Council Meeting in which the proposed Recreational Trails Program was discussed. The proceedings were broadcasted on television (WTVM in Columbus, GA and WSFA in Montgomery, AL) and published as article in the Opelika-Auburn News

**6. Describe the ways in which the project uses the grant funds to leverage other public or private investments (in the form of services and materials as well as dollars). 10 Points Available**

The City of Opelika is requesting a grant in the amount of \$ 400,000. The City of Opelika by Resolution of the City Council is committing the local share of \$ 148,454.50 which represents 27% of the total project cost. Not included in the project budget is the cost of signage and furnishings which will also be funded by the City of Opelika. Signage will include designated of the RTP project trail and signs that will be installed at the parking area sites for guidance on trail use. Furnishings will include park benches and trash receptacles.

**7. Describe the degree of commitment to continue operation and maintenance of the project. Include an operation and maintenance plan detailing the amount of money needed to operate and maintain the trail/facility after project completion and identify who will be responsible for these activities. 10 Points Available**

The City of Opelika recognizes that it ultimately is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the RTP Project. Maintenance responsibilities include the following: 1) Keep sodding cut and trimmed in Spring and Summer months, 2) Pruning of any shrubs in Fall and Winter; 3) Watering year-round as needed; 4) Keep trail and parking area free of debris year-round, and 5) Inspect trail and parking areas for needed repair on surface treatment. The City of Opelika has the equipment and personnel to maintain this facility. It will be placed on a regular schedule for maintenance by the Public Works Department. It is anticipated that maintenance operations will cost no more than \$ 6,000 annually (excluding repairs). Annual maintenance and repairs as needed and will be funded within the City Annual Budget.

Knowing the City of Opelika is ultimately responsible for maintenance and operations, it anticipates receiving support from Creekline Trails which has an existing Memorandum of Understanding to maintain trails located on properties owned by the Opelika Industrial Development Authority. Creekline Trails has an active cadre of volunteers it can call upon to participate in maintenance activities. Creekline Trails currently has a "Clean-Up Day" scheduled in March of 2021 for Pepperell Branch. Such events will be invaluable for long-term maintenance the trail

The trail location is located within the “Opelika Innovation and Technology Park” this 105-acre is currently owned by the Opelika Industrial Development Authority. Recently acquired in January 2020, a Master Plan for development has been created. As Mayor Fuller noted, “the OITP is seen as a catalyst to generate, attract, and retain companies focused on new and innovative technologies”.

As the “Opelika Innovation and Technology Park” becomes developed; companies will encourage to “adopt” a portion of the trail that borders their site. This will be an opportunity for private investment to share in the maintenance responsibilities.

- 8. The degree to which community involvement is addressed: i.e., (A) Project idea originated with trail users or a community group that has substantial knowledge, and (B) The private sector (including individual citizens, community groups, and/or local business enterprises) has participated in the development of the proposed idea and has made commitments of labor, money, or materials to support project implementation. 10 Points Available**

This vision for the trail originated with the Creekline Trails of Opelika, a community organization made up of private sector members. The RTP project is but the first phase of plans to develop nature trails, multi-purpose trails, and pocket parks along the banks Saugahatchee Creek, Rocky Brook Creek, and Pepperell Branch Creek. (See Attachments: Creekline Trails of Opelika Trail Development Maps/Drawings)

The City of Opelika reached out to Creekline Trails regarding the announcement about the Recreational Trails Program knowing that the RTP would provide an opportunity to secure funding to support their plans. The City of Opelika serves as the applicant, has committed the local share, and will implement the grant project. Furthermore, Opelika will be responsible for the RTP trail maintenance in perpetuity

- 9. Describe in detail how the trail will be managed. Include discussion on season length, hours of operation, limitations on use, enforcement provisions, and scheduling. 10 Points Available**

The RTP trail will be managed by the Opelika Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Creekline Trails of Opelika. Based on guidance from Creekline Trails, the trail operation will be open throughout the year. Use of the trail will be limited to the hours from sunrise and sunset to provide for the safety of users. Signs will be posted at each of the parking areas including hours of operations, rules of courtesy for trail use, and warnings against littering.

**10. Identify and describe the service area of the project. Approximately how many people do you propose to serve with this project? Identify other trail resources in the service area by trail type (motorized, non-motorized, multi-use), distance, location in relation to the proposed trail, and ownership. 10 Points Available**

The RTP service area is defined by the Opelika city boundaries with an estimated population of 30,232 (US Census). The entire population is designated as the project area because this the first multi-use trail that currently exists in Opelika. It is anticipated that the trail will draw participants city-wide providing the opportunity for bicyclists, pedestrians, and skaters as a unique recreational experience.

The City of Opelika as developed walking trails and nature trails throughout its park and recreation system. Walking trails and nature trails are located at the following park facilities:

- Bandy Park Outdoor Walking Track: .25 mile. lighted and paved trail
- Master Gardner Nature Trail at Municipal Park: .23 mile, wooded nature trail
- Opelika SportsPlex Walking Track: .97 mile, paved and partially lighted
- West Ridge Park Walking Track: 1.08 miles, paved and partially lighted
- Wood Duck Heritage Preserve & Siddique Nature Trails: wooded natural trails

The only listed facility in the proximity of the RTP project is the Wood Duck Heritage Preserve & Siddique Nature Park.

## **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b><u>ACTIVITIES</u></b>	<b><u>TARGET DATE</u></b>
Grant Award	July 2021
Engineering:	
Trail Survey	August 2021
Permanent Easement Secured	August 2021
Final Plans & Specifications	November 2021
Contract Documents	November 2021
Bid & Grant Award:	
Bid Advertisement	December 2021
Contract Award	January 2022
Construction:	
Preconstruction Conference	February 2022
Start of Construction	March 2022
Final Inspection	July 2022
Grant Closeout Procedures:	
All Documents to ADECA	August 2022
ADECA Final Inspection	September 2022
Final Closeout Documents	October 2022

### Project Cost Estimate

The Recreational Trails Program provides **80/20 matching** fund grants. That is, the RTP will fund up to 80 percent of the project cost and the grant recipient must provide at least 20 percent in the form of cash, in-kind, and/or donated contributions.

#### Eligible Costs

1. Design, engineering, construction oversight services (**may not exceed 10% of the total construction cost**)
2. Direct labor
3. Special tradesmen secured under a service purchase contract
4. Rental of equipment
5. Construction contracts
6. Project materials
7. Signage<sup>1</sup>
8. Land acquisition
9. Professional project administration (grant consultant) (**may not exceed 5% of total project cost**)

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RTP SHARE</b>	<b>MATCHING SHARE</b>
Acquisition			
Construction Contracts	498,595.00	400,000.00	98,595.00
Equipment Rental			
Labor			
Signage			
Supplies/Materials			
Administration			
Engineering	49,859.50	0	49,859.50
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>548,454.50</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	<b>148,454.50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Signs which function as traffic control devices must conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Part IX of the MUTCD, Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities, covers the bicycle related signs, pavement markings, and signals which may be used on highways or bikeways. Part IX is applicable to shared use paths (nonmotorized multiple-use trails which may provide a transportation purpose). The publication Standard Highway Signs has the detailed drawings for the highway signs prescribed in the MUTCD. These documents are available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Signs which do not function as traffic control devices are not subject to the MUTCD. However, informational signs and kiosks must take into consideration the needs of various users, such as: people who are blind or who have low vision, people who use wheelchairs, and children.

**Preliminary Engineering Estimate of Cost. Creekline Innovation Park Multiuse Path**

PAY ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MINIMUM APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	Estimated Price	Cost
201A-002	Clearing and Grubbing (approximately 5 Acres)	ACRE	2	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
210A-000	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	CU YD	1900	\$ 23.00	\$ 43,700.00
210D-010	BORROW EXCAVATION (A4 or Better)	CU YD	950	\$ 26.00	\$ 24,700.00
214A-000	STRUCUTRE EXCAVATION	CU YD	150	\$ 38.00	\$ 5,700.00
214B-001	FOUNDATION BACKFILL, COMMERCIAL	CU YD	150	\$ 52.50	\$ 7,875.00
301A-012	CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, TYPE B, PLANT MIXED, 6" THICK	SQ YD	6250	\$ 15.00	\$ 93,750.00
533A	DRAINAGE	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
606A-000	6' UNDERDRAIN PIPE	LIN FT	200	\$ 20.00	\$ 4,000.00
	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, 6" THICK	SQ YD	4500	\$ 55.00	\$ 247,500.00
618C-000	INLAYED TRUNCATED DOME MAT, BRICK RED, FURNISH AND INSTALL	SQ FT	50	\$ 26.25	\$ 1,312.50
620A-000	MINOR STRUCTURE CONCRETE	CU YD	5	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
650A-000	TOPSOIL	CU YD	50	\$ 78.75	\$ 3,937.50
652A-100	SEEDING	ACRE	1	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
654A-001	SOLID SODDING (ALL TYPES)	SQ YD	100	\$ 25.20	\$ 2,520.00
656A-010	MULCHING	ACRE	1	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
659A-049	ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT, TYPE (5B)	SQ YD	50	\$ 26.25	\$ 1,312.50
665A-000	TEMPORARY SEEDING	ACRE	1	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
665B-000	TEMPORARY MULCHING	ACRE	1	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
665N-000	TEMPORARY COURSE AGGREGATE	TON	25	\$ 52.50	\$ 1,312.50
665J-002	SILT FENCE	LIN FT	1500	\$ 5.25	\$ 7,875.00
665O-001	SILT FENCE REMOVAL	LIN FT	1500	\$ 2.10	\$ 3,150.00
665Q-002	WATTLE	LIN FT	50	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,050.00
				<b>TOTAL COSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 498,595.00</b>
				<b>Engineering (10%)</b>	<b>\$ 49,859.50</b>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 548,454.50</b>
				<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>
				<b>Local Match</b>	<b>\$ 148,454.50</b>

\* Note that budget includes cost for a concrete surface as oppose to asphalt surface  
Final design plan will determine surface treatment

## **BUDGET NARRATIVE**

### **Site Preparation**

\$ 94,975.00

Clearing and grubbing, Excavation,  
Backfill

### **Trail Construction and Parking Areas**

\$ 374,062.50

Trail 5005 LF at 10' width  
Gravel Parking (2) with concrete pad  
Drainage

### **Safety and Finishes**

\$ 29,557.50

Seed, Mulching, Sod, Silt Fence

**Total Construction**

**\$ 490,595.00**

**Engineering**

**\$ 49,895.50**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST**

**\$ 548,454.00**

**Not Included in Budget – To be funded by the City of Opelika**

**Trail Furnishings  
Signage**

Environmental Checklist for Recreational Trails Program ProjectCounty: Lee CountyProject Location: Pepperell Branch between Waverly Parkway and Veterans ParkwayProject Sponsor/Applicant: City of OpelikaProject Description: Multi-Use Trail extending 5,050 LF and 10' width

Concurrence from Alabama Historical Commission attached?	Yes X	No <u>    </u>
Concurrence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services attached?	Yes X	No <u>    </u>
Concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers attached?	Yes X	No <u>    </u>
Tribal Consultation attached?	Yes X	No <u>    </u>
Was the property acquired before January 1992?	Yes <u>    </u>	No X
If "No" explain property acquisition process (Use additional sheets if necessary):		
Permanent Easement to Be Acquired		

Note: If you have not received the concurrence letters by the application deadline, submit copies of the request letters. Concurrences over three (3) years old cannot be used and new concurrences must be obtained.

## Required Letters of Concurrence and Release of Conditions

US Army Corps of Engineers

Mobile District Corps of Engineers	Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Chief, Regulatory Branch	Western Regulatory Field Office
Post Office Box 2288	2424 Danville Road, SW, STE N
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001	Decatur, Alabama 35603
Phone: 251-690-2658	Phone Number: 256-350-5620

Alabama Historical Commission: Lee Anne Wofford, Deputy SHPO, Alabama Historical Commission, 468 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900, Phone: 334-242-3184.

US Fish and Wildlife Service: Mr. Bill Pearson, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1208-B Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526-4419, 251-441-5181.



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February 25, 2021

Ms. Crystal Talley  
Community Services Unit Chief  
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Ms. Talley,

As Director of Public Works, I understand that the proposed Creekline Trail along Pepperell Branch will follow the existing sewer easement. It is also understood that the trail development will may require the crossing of this utility right-of-way. This is acceptable to the City of Opelika.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJH", written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Hilyer  
Public Works Director

MJH:wm



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## Environmental Screening Form (ESF)

This is a working tool for planners and decision-makers to use to identify the degree of potential impacts to resources that may occur as a result of federal approval of the proposal. It also serves as the administrative record documenting the applicant's efforts to identify and consider impacts during proposal development. Your ESF responses may change as the planning process refines the proposal that will ultimately be submitted along with the final completed ESF for federal review and decision.

As early as possible in your planning process, consider how your proposal/project may have direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment. Early identification of possible environmental resource impacts can be used during proposal development and assist in identifying ways to lessen impacts. Initiating or completing environmental analysis after a decision has been made is contrary to both the spirit and letter of the law of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The ESF should be completed with input from resource experts and in consultation with relevant local, state, tribal, and federal governments, as applicable. The interested and affected public should be notified of the proposal and invited to provide input as well. At a minimum, a site inspection of the affected area must be conducted by individuals who are familiar with the type of affected resources, possess the ability to identify potential resource impacts, and know when to seek additional data when needed.

At the time of proposal submission, the completed ESF should reflect the applicant's final determination of the extent to which the proposal will impact the list of resources on the form. The results of the completed ESF will assist in the identification of the appropriate NEPA pathway to be followed, i.e., categorical exclusion (CE), environmental assessment (EA), environmental impact statement (EIS). Also, the completed ESF will identify the resource topics and issues that should be presented and analyzed in an EA or an EIS, if required.

The ESF contains two parts that must be completed, Part A. Impacts to Environmental Resources and Part B. Mandatory Criteria.

**Part A:** For each environmental resource topic, choose an impact estimate level (none, negligible, minor, exceeds minor) that describes the degree of potential negative impact that may occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively as a result of federal approval of your proposal. These impact levels should be used to estimate specific impact levels on each separate resource and must be accompanied with a brief explanation of how the resource might be affected, how the impact level was determined, and why the chosen impact level is appropriate. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal, is still viable, and it includes planned mitigation, explain this for each applicable resource and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column. Add any relevant resources (see A24) if not included in the list.

Use a separate sheet to explain all potential adverse impacts (negligible, minor, and those exceeding minor) as well as to indicate the type of data that still needs to be determined for each of the applicable resources listed below. Describe direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts as well as any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

**Part B:** This is a list of mandatory impact criteria that preclude the use of categorical exclusions. If you answer "yes" or "maybe" for any of the mandatory criteria, you must develop an EA or EIS regardless of your answers in Part A. Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers on a separate sheet.

Indicate potential for **adverse** impacts.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	No Impacts or Not Applicable	Negligible Impacts	Minor Impacts	Impacts Exceed Minor EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.		X			
2. Air quality	X				
3. Sound (noise impacts)	X				
4. Water quality/quantity	X				
5. Stream flow characteristics	X				
6. Marine/estuarine					X
7. Floodplains/wetlands					X
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability	X				
9. Circulation, transportation	X				
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing					X
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.	X				
12. Unique or important wildlife/wildlife habitat					X
13. Unique or important fish/habitat					X
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)	X				
15. Recreation resources, including parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc.)	X				
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities	X				
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features	X				
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.					X
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X				
20. Minority and low-income populations	X				
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)	X				
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies					X
23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	X				
24. Other important environmental resources that should be addressed	X				

<b>B. MANDATORY CRITERIA</b> If your proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	To be determined
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?			X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?		X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office? (Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)		X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?			X
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?			X
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		X	
<b>C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA</b>			
13. Is the area previously disturbed and unlikely to result in any excavation beyond surface disturbance possibly impacting archaeology?			X
14. Is the area regularly mowed and therefore unlikely to contain endangered species?		X	
15. Is there any surface water within direct proximity to the project which would require protection from construction impacts?			X

### Environmental Reviewers

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chief Elected Official here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Fuller, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<p>1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms</p> <p><i>During construction, slopes may be altered to comply with ADA guidelines</i></p>
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### Environmental Reviewers

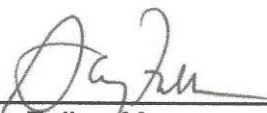
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Signature of Chief Elected Official here:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Fuller, Mayor

3/1/21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MEMORANDUM OF TRANSMITTAL

**TO:** Alabama Historical Commission  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Alabama – Coushatta Tribe of Texas  
Alabama – Quassarte Tribal Town  
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

<b>FROM:</b> Louise Campbell L.P. Campbell Company P. O. Box 889086 Atlanta, GA 30356 <a href="mailto:lpccgrants@aol.com">lpccgrants@aol.com</a> 404-423-9999	c/o	Mr. Scott Parker City Engineer City of Opelika P.O. Box 390 Opelika, AL 36803-0390 <a href="mailto:sparker@opelika-al.gov">sparker@opelika-al.gov</a> 334-705-5450
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**RE:** Recreational Trails Program Review

**DATE:** March 1, 2021

**PROJECT:** Pepperell Creek Multi-Use Trail

The City of Opelika is proposed to develop a multi-use trail along the banks of Pepperell Creek. The City of Opelika is requesting a grant from the Alabama Economic Development and Community Affairs under the FY2021 Recreational Trails Program. Opelika is requesting a grant in the amount of \$ 400,000 and has committed \$ 148,454.50 in cash and in-kind contributions.

The trail will be located within the “Opelika Innovation and Technology Park”, a 105-acre purchased to support economic development. Pepperrell Creek essentially divides the property in half running on an east-west line.

The proposed trail is estimated to extend 5,050 linear feet and will be 10’ in width along the banks of Pepperell Creek. Opelika is proposing an asphalt surface. Upon completion of final design and plans, the surface may be upgraded to a concrete surface.

Attached is a more complete project description, project location map, site drawing, FEMA flood map, wetland survey map, photograph, and topo map.

Comment letters should be address to Mr. Scott Parker, City Engineer, City of Opelika, P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803-0390;

However, I would appreciate receiving a copy of review comments to facilitate coordination with ADECA. The comments can be forwarded to Louise Campbell, L.P. Campbell Company, P.O. Box 889086, Atlanta, GA 30356 or via email at [lpccgrants@aol.com](mailto:lpccgrants@aol.com). Questions regarding this project should be addressed to my email or by calling 404-423-9999.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this project.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Location:** Opelika Innovation and Technology Park  
Pepperrell Creek of US Highway 280  
32.65076 -85.548714

### **Scope of Work:**

This project represents a partnership between the City of Opelika and Creekline Trails of Opelika. The Creekline Trails has developed a Master Plan that focuses on the creation of a trail system follow Saugahatchee Creek, Rocky Brook Creek, and Pepperrell Branch Creek.

The trail will be located on Pepperrell Branch Creek within the "Opelika Innovation and Technology Park" which is owned by the Opelika Industrial Development Board (OIDB). The OIDA has expressed its willingness to provide a 30' permanent easement to the City of Opelika to develop the multi-use trail on its property.

The trail itself will extend 5,050 linear feet and will be 10' in width. Opelika is proposing an asphalt surface. Upon completion of final design and plans, the surface may be upgraded to a concrete surface. The project also includes two gravel parking area at trail entrance. Paved parking pads and a paved access walkway will be constructed to meet ADA compliance.

### **Environmental Considerations:**

The trail itself will follow the banks of Pepperrell Branch Creek. The 30' easement will allow the trail will be constructed to allow a buffer between the creek and the trail surface.

The trail will be located in a floodplain area. Limited wetlands have been identified. The property itself has not been disturbed. No structures exist in the pave area of trail development.

Opelika anticipates that it will be necessary to conduct a Cultural Assessment and Wetlands Survey. The City of Opelika will comply with any and all permit requirements issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers.



**Parcels**      **Pepperell Creek**      **Sewer**      **Creepline Trails**

**\*Potential**

**Touches each parcel**

**Sewer line easements**

**Paved/ADA**  
 --10-ft wide concrete or asphalt trail  
 --30-ft dedicated easement along final trail alignment







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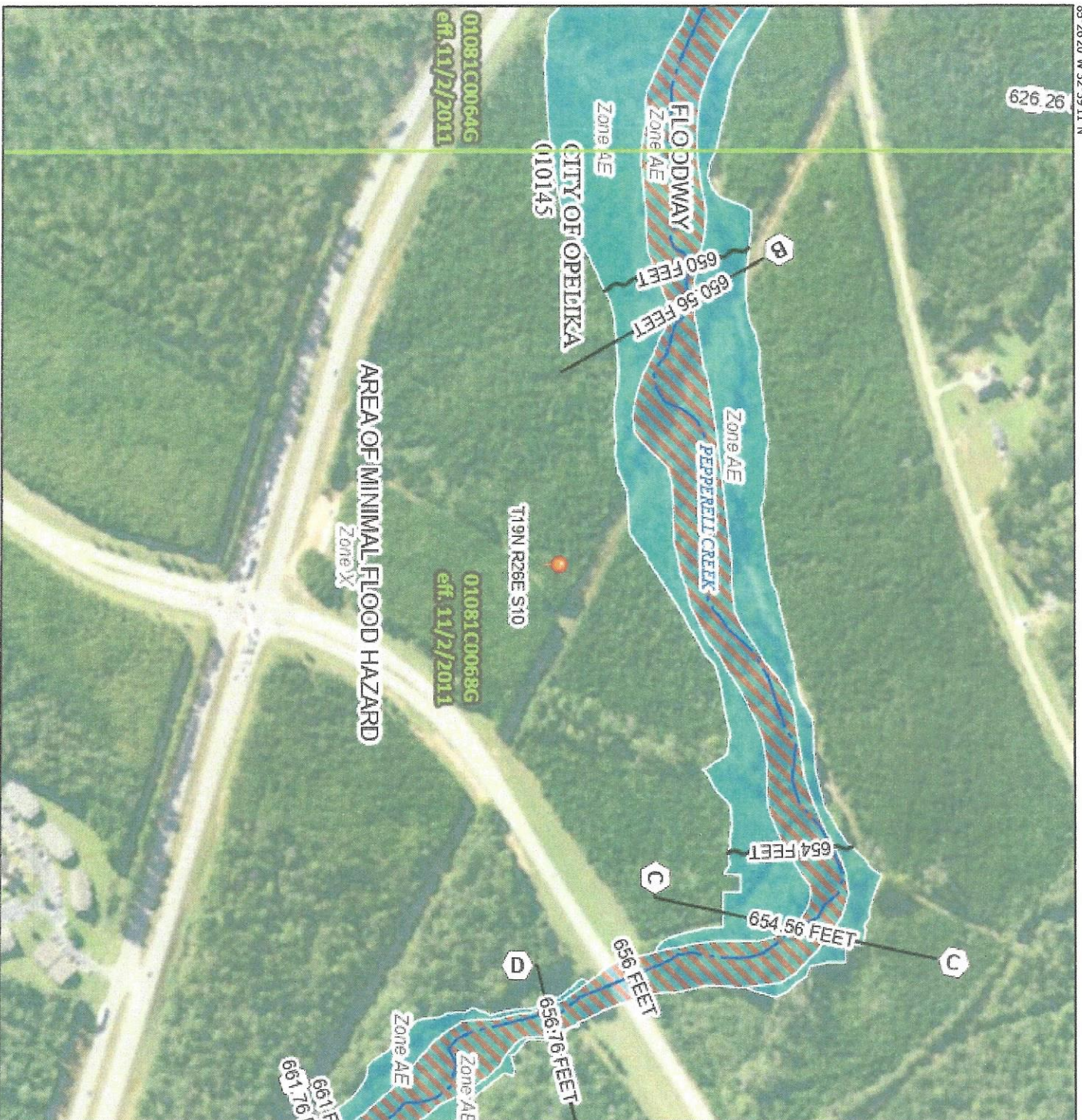


# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



85°25'20"W 32°39'11"N

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## Legend

SEE THIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)  
Zone A, V, AE, AH, AR
- With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
- Regulatory Floodway

**OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD**

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee, See Notes, Zone X
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

**OTHER AREAS**

- NO SCREEN
- Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

**GENERAL STRUCTURES**

- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

**OTHER FEATURES**

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped



The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.



This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards.

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 2/22/2021 at 1:42 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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PEPPERELL BRANCH @ VETERANS PARKWAY





ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
**SECTION 106 PROJECT REVIEW CONSULTATION FORM**

Federal laws exist to ensure that federal agencies or their designated applicants carefully consider historic preservation in federally funded, licensed, or permitted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended directs this review. <http://www.achp.gov/106summary.html>. At a minimum, submission of this completed form and attachments constitutes a request for review by the Alabama Historical Commission, which is the Alabama State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). **The responsibility for preparing documentation, including the identification of archaeological and architectural properties and the assessment of potential effects resulting from the project, rests with the federal or state agency, or its designated applicant.** The role of the Alabama SHPO is to review, comment, and consult with federal/state agencies or their designees. The Alabama SHPO's ability to complete a timely project review largely depends on the quality of the material submitted. Some applicants may find it advantageous to hire a professional consultant with expertise in archaeology, history and/or architectural history.

PROJECT NAME

Pepperrell Creekline Trail

FEDERAL AGENCY PROVIDING FUNDS, LICENSE, OR PERMIT

Federal Highway Deveopment

FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER

FEDERAL AGENCY CONTACT NAME AND E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER

STATE AGENCY PROVIDING FUNDS, LICENSE, OR PERMIT (IF APPLICABLE)

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

STATE AGENCY CONTACT NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103-5690/ Crystal Talley [crystal.talley@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:crystal.talley@adeca.alabama.gov) 334-353-2630

AHC NUMBER (If project has been previously submitted)

APPLICANT NAME:

City of Opelika

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803-0390

APPLICANT TELEPHONE:

334-704-5150

APPLICANT EMAIL:

[gfuller@opelika-al.gov](mailto:gfuller@opelika-al.gov)

CONTACT NAME (if different than applicant):

Scott Parker

CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803-039

CONTACT TELEPHONE:

334-705-5450

CONTACT EMAIL (Person to whom AHC should email response letter):

[lpccgrant@aol.com](mailto:lpccgrant@aol.com) and [sparker@opelika-al.gov](mailto:sparker@opelika-al.gov)

CONTRACTOR TYPE: ☐ ARCHAEOLOGIST; ☐ ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN; ☐ NONE; ☒ OTHER:

CONTRACTOR NAME:

L.P. Campbell Company

CONTRACTOR MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. 889086 Atlanta, GA 30356

CONTRACTOR TELEPHONE:

404-423-9999

CONTRACTOR EMAIL:

[lpccgrants@aol.com](mailto:lpccgrants@aol.com)

PROJECT LOCATION	
STREET ADDRESS Waverly Parkway just of US Highway 280 West	CITY Opelika
COUNTY Lee	ZIP CODE 36803
LATITUDE / LONGITUDE: USE DECIMAL DEGREES EXAMPLE: 32.3722N, -86.3083W	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<p>Describe the overall project in <b>DETAIL</b>. Be sure to note if the project involves new construction, if existing buildings will be altered (if so, provide the proposed work in detail), and / or if any buildings/structures will be demolished. Use additional pages if necessary.</p> <p>This project represents a partnership between the City of Opelika and Creekline Trails of Opelika. The Creekline Trails has developed a Master Plan that focuses on the creation of a trail system follow Saugahatchee Creek, Rocky Brook Creek, and Pepperell Branch Creek.</p> <p>The trail will be located on Pepperell Branch Creek within the "Opelika Innovation and Technology Park" which is owned by the Opelika Industrial Development Board (OIDB). The OIDA has expressed it willingness to provide a 30' permanent easement to the City of Opelika to develop the multi-use trail on its property.</p> <p>The trail itself will extend 5,050 linear feet and will be 10' in width. Opelika is proposing an asphalt surface. Upon completion of final design and plans, the surface may be upgraded to a concrete surface. The project also includes two gravel parking area at trail entrance. Paved parking pads and a paved access walkway will be constructed to meet ADA compliance.</p>	

### AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE)

The APE varies with project types and can be direct or indirect (physical, visual, auditory, etc.). The APE is defined as "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character of use of historic properties, if any such properties exist." Factors to consider when determining the APE include; topography, vegetation, existing development, orientation of an existing resource to the project, physical siting of a resource, and existing and planned future development. For example:

- 1) Rehabilitation, renovation, and/or demolition of a historic building or structure, or new construction: the APE might include the building itself and the adjacent setting.
- 2) Streetscapes: the APE might include the viewshed from the street.
- 3) Pedestrian/bicycle facilities: the APE might extend the length of the corridor and for some distance on both sides of the corridor.
- 4) Underground utilities: the APE would usually be limited to the area of ground disturbance.

Attach a map indicating the precise location of the project and the boundaries of the APE, preferably a clear color copy of a USGS topographic quadrangle map (7.5 minute). For projects in urban areas, also include a city map that shows more detail. USGS topographic maps can be printed from this website: <https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/>. City maps can be printed using [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps).

Provide current, high resolution color photographs that illustrate the project area and the entire APE as defined above.

### ARCHAEOLOGY (Ground Disturbing Activities)

Has the ground in the project area been disturbed other than by agriculture (i.e. grading, grubbing, clear cutting, filling, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know ☐ N/A

If yes, describe in detail. Use additional pages as necessary. Photographs are helpful.

Describe the present use and condition of the property. Use additional pages as necessary.

To your knowledge, has a Cultural Resource Assessment (CRA) been conducted in the proposed project area?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know ☐ N/A

If yes, attach a copy of the cultural resources assessment report.

## ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Background research for previously identified historic properties within an APE may be undertaken at the AHC main office in Montgomery. These files include the National Register of Historic Places, Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage, Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, county architectural surveys, and other files. To request a research appointment, contact Nicole Johnson at 334.230.2673 or [Nicole.Johnson@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Nicole.Johnson@ahc.alabama.gov). Alabama SHPO staff cannot perform the file research for your project. GIS Maps of known historic properties may be accessed here: <https://ahc.alabama.gov/historicpreservationmap.aspx>. The AHC's maps should function as a research tool, not an up-to-the-minute inventory about every historic and/or architecturally significant property in the state. This tool allows researchers to investigate and review potentially significant properties according to the best data that is available in the Alabama Historical Commission's files. The absence of a property from this database does not imply that an unidentified property lacks historic or architectural importance. Some applicants may find it advantageous to hire a historic preservation professional with expertise in history and/or architectural history to complete the identification and evaluation of historic properties.

- 1) Is the project located within or adjacent to a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed or eligible historic district?  
☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, provide the name of the district: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Within the project APE, are there any above-ground properties that are 50 years old or older?  
☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, provide numbered photographs of each that have been keyed to a site map.
- 3) Does the project involve the rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, or addition to any above-ground property that is 50 years old or older?  
☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, provide rehabilitation plans and / or reasons for demolition.
- 4) Are any of the properties identified in questions #2 and #3 listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register?  
☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, identify the properties by name or photo number.

If no, provide an explanation as to why properties identified are not eligible for the National Register. A discussion of the National Register seven aspects of integrity and the applicable National Register criteria must be included. Refer to the National Park Service's website: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15\\_web508.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15_web508.pdf). Use additional pages as necessary.

A note about photographs: Digital photos must be current, high resolution, and adequately show the resource. If you checked "yes" for #2 and #3 above, include photographs of those properties. Take photographs of the overall property and the exterior of each building on the property, including outbuildings. Include views of the overall setting, views of the building in its immediate surrounding showing the relationship of the building to neighboring buildings, and views of significant landscape features (i.e. tree lined approaches, stone walls, formal gardens, etc.). Exterior views of the building should include full views of each side (if possible) and views of important architectural details. Key all photographs to a site map.

If the project involves rehabilitation, include photographs of the building(s) involved and especially the areas of the building slated for rehab work. Label each exterior view to a site map and label all interior views. If the project involves new construction, include photographs of the surrounding area looking out from the project site. Include photographs of any buildings (more than 50 years old or older) that are located on the project property or on adjoining property.

## EFFECTS DETERMINATION

An effect occurs when an action alters the characteristics of a property that may qualify it for the National Register of Historic Places or alters the features of a property's location, setting, or use that contributes to its significance. How will this project affect any of the properties identified in the previous section? Use additional pages as necessary.

- 1) Will the project take away or change anything within the apparent or existing boundary of any of the identified historic properties?

☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Will the project change the view from or the view of any of the identified historic properties?

☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Will the project introduce any audible or atmospheric elements to the setting of any of the identified historic properties?

☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) Will the project result in the transfer, lease, or sale of any of the identified historic properties?

☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST: Did you provide the following information?**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed form.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photographs of current site conditions and all identified historic properties keyed to a site map.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps with project area, APE, and any historic properties marked and identified.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For new construction, rehabilitations, etc., attach work plans, drawings, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other supporting documents (if necessary to explain the project).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of present use and condition of the project area.

**NOTE: Section 106 regulations provide for a 30-day response time by the Alabama SHPO from the date of receipt. Project activities may not begin until our office has reviewed this information and issued comments.**

**Upon receipt, applications and attachments become the property of the State of Alabama.**

For questions regarding this form or the Section 106 Review Process, contact Amanda McBride, Section 106 Coordinator, at 334.230.2692 or [Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov).

**All projects must be submitted digitally**

E-mail this form and supporting documents to [Section.106@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Section.106@ahc.alabama.gov). This is the only approved e-mail address for project submission. Projects sent to any other e-mail address will not be accepted. The attachment size cannot exceed 19 MB. Alternatively, you may submit projects with larger attachments through an online system to be determined by the AHC.

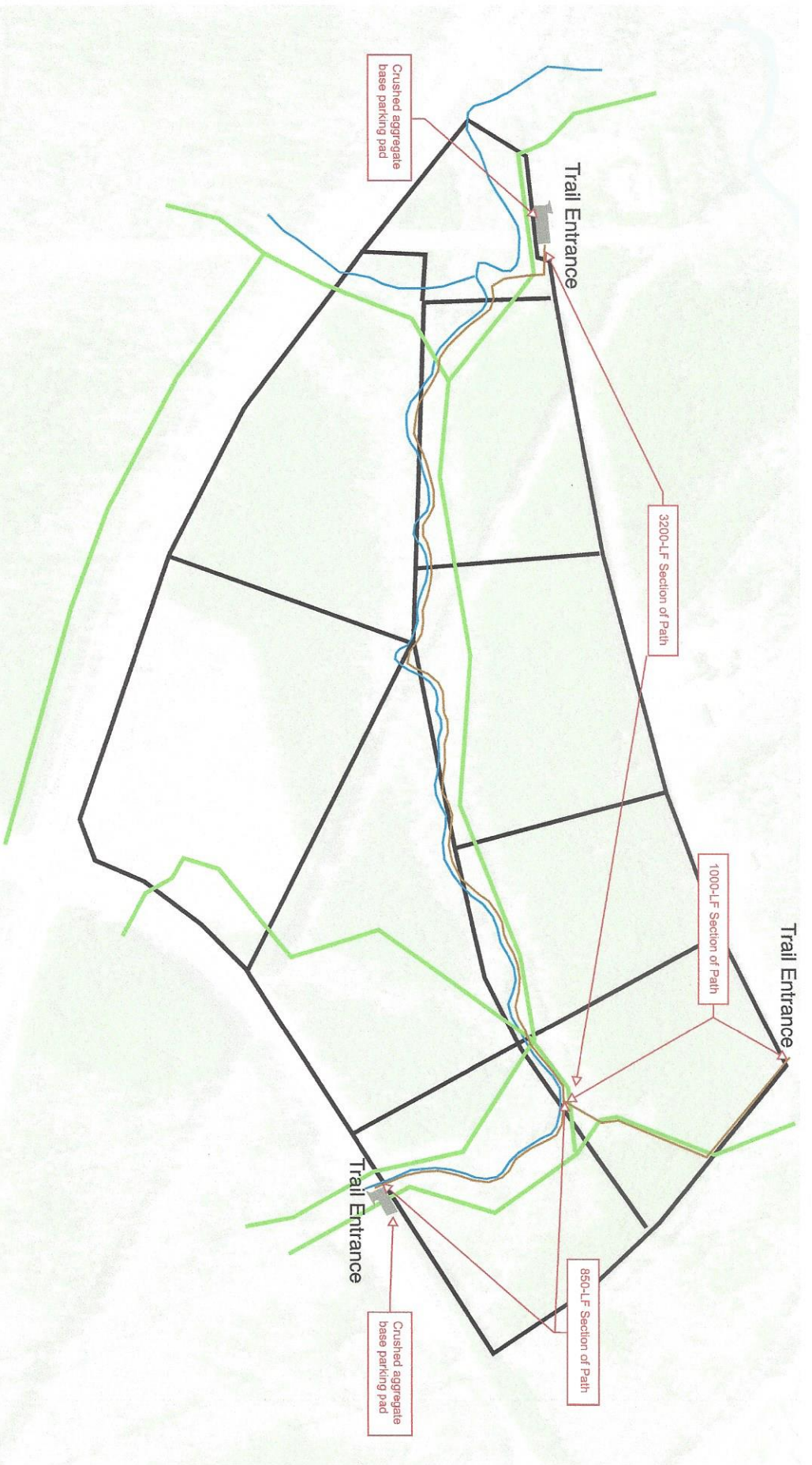
Please limit your submission to cultural resources information only.

**Contact Amanda McBride for any questions on digital submissions**



## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Project Location
- Site Drawing – Plat
- Photograph
- Creekline Trails of Opelika Proposed Trail Development Maps/Drawings
- Opelika Innovation and Technology Park Master Plan
- Opelika Industrial Development Authority – Letter of Commitment of the Directors
- Creekline Trails of Opelika - Letter of Support
- Opelika City Council Resolution
- SAM.gov Registration.



Parcels

Pepperrell Creek

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Creepline Trails

Potential

Touches each parcel

Sewer line easements

Paved/ADA  
--10-ft wide concrete or asphalt trail  
--30-ft dedicated easement along final trail alignment

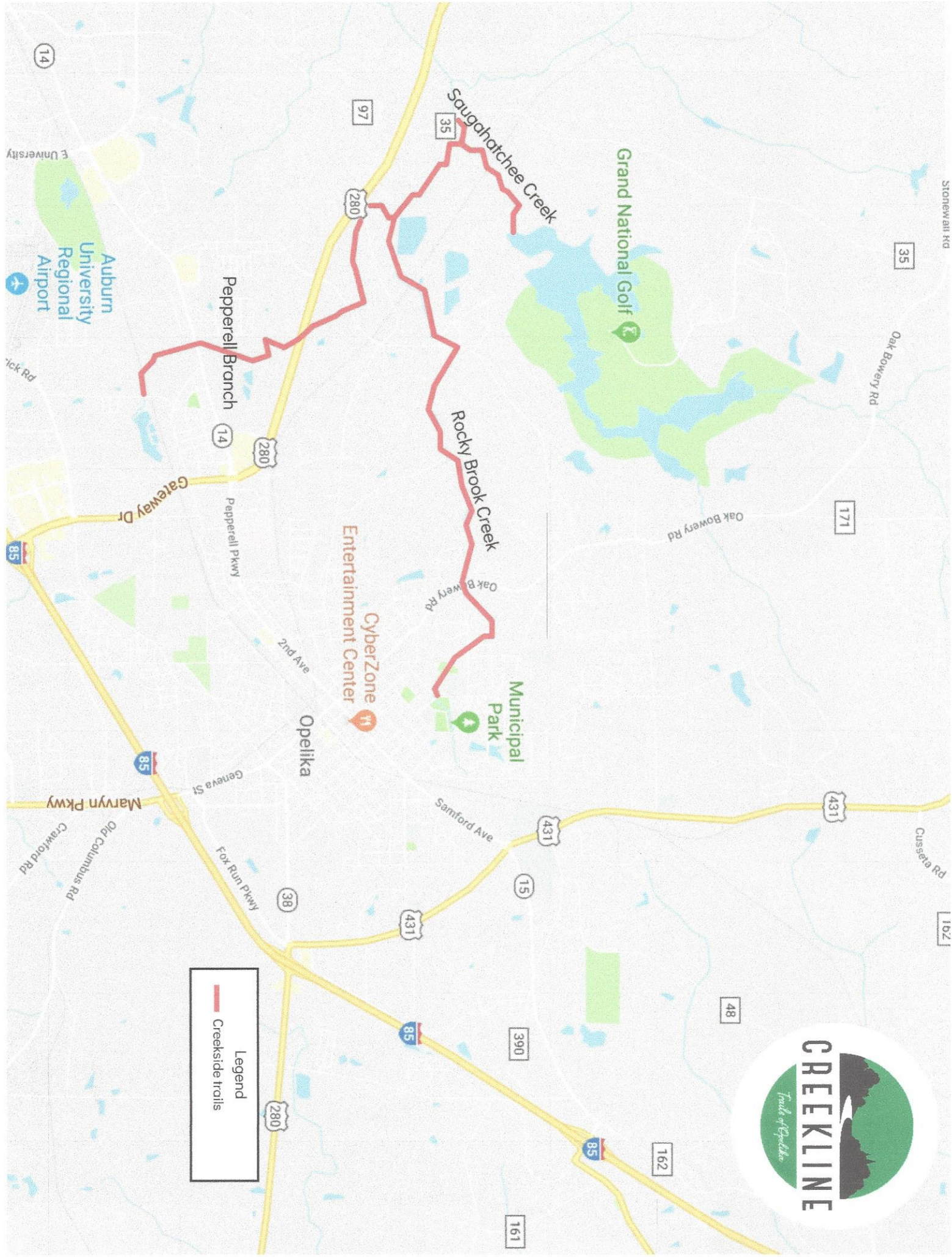




PEPPERELL BRANCH @ WAVERLY PARKWAY

Legend

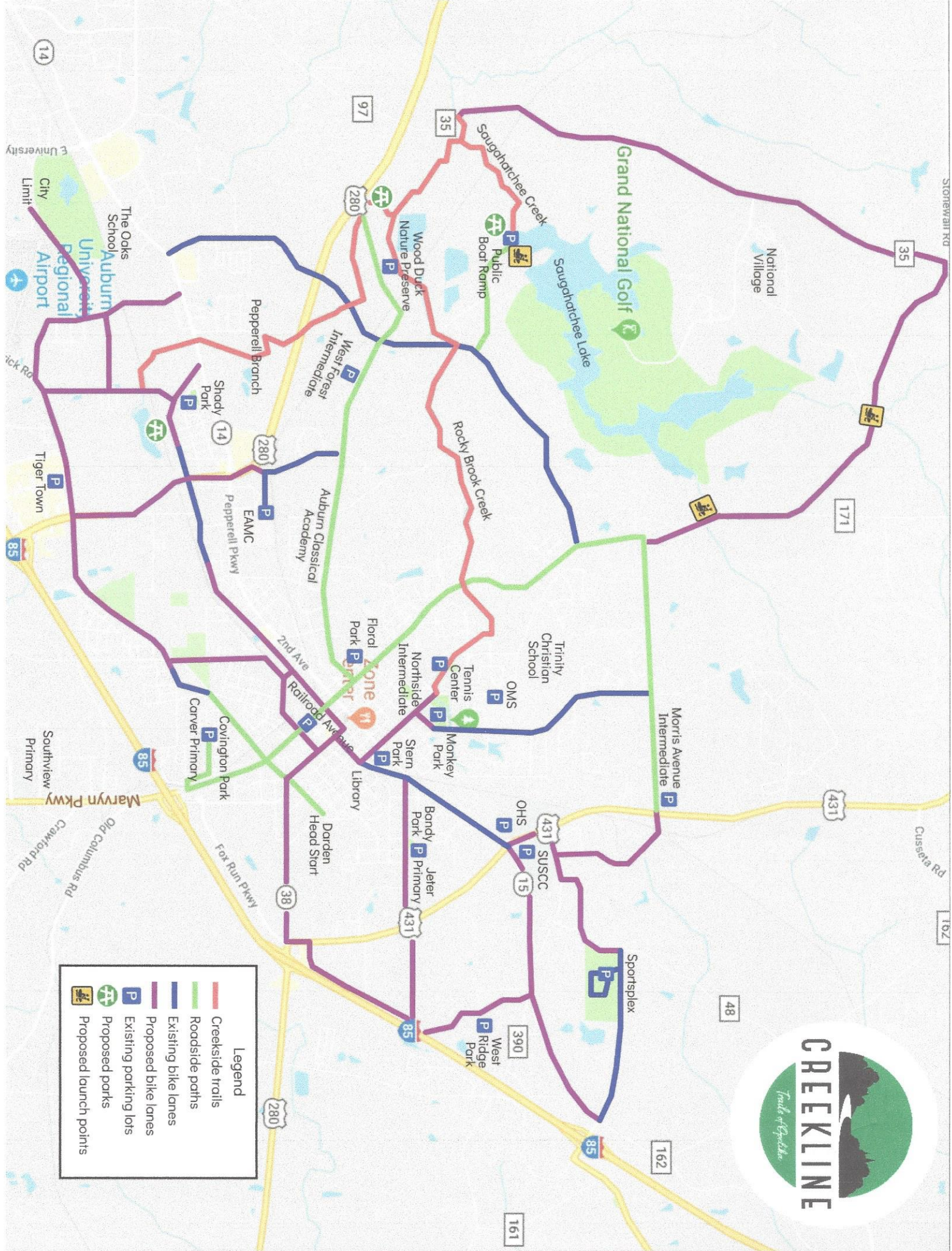
— Creekside trails





**Legend**

- Creekside trails
- Roadside paths
- Existing bike lanes
- Proposed bike lanes
- Existing parking lots
- Proposed parks
- Proposed launch points



# OPELIKA

INNOVATION AND  
TECHNOLOGY PARK



Waverly Pkwy

Birmingham Hwy

280

Veterans Pkwy



Master Plan



1" = 300'



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February 17, 2021

Ms. Crystal Talley  
Community Services Unit Chief  
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Ms. Talley,


As Chairman of the Opelika Industrial Development Authority, this letter is written to express our willingness to deed a permanent easement to the City of Opelika within the Opelika Innovation and Technology Park for the purpose developing a multi-use trail that will be approximate 5,505 feet in length.

The trail will follow the banks on Pepperell Creek. It is understood that the trail itself will be 10 feet in width. Therefore, the Board will deed a permanent easement to the City of Opelika that will be 30' in width.

Furthermore, it is understood that a recorded easement will be required prior to construction and that the trail is intended to remain open to the public in perpetuity.

We are in support of the City of Opelika's effort to obtain a grant under the Recreational Trails Program.

Sincerely,



CHAIRMAN



Ms. Crystal Talley  
Community Services Unit Chief  
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Ms. Talley,

As the Project Administrator for the Creekline Trails of Opelika, I enthusiastically support the City of Opelika's application for a grant through the FY2021 Recreational Trails Program.

Creekline Trails of Opelika (CTO) is the shared vision of Shealy and Rocky Langley, a young couple living in Opelika who thought a network of nature trails, multi-use paths, and bike lanes that followed the three waterways through the town would be an excellent resource for all Opelikans. Their vision has grown tremendously in only three short years, inspiring grass-roots support from hundreds of fellow citizens, civic organizations, and city government.

Creekline Trails of Opelika would be so beneficial for our town. The trails and paths would be easily accessible recreational and exercise options away from road traffic which, in turn, might help people get more active and physically fit. CTO also would provide transportation alternatives to using automobiles, thereby reducing road traffic and pollution. An added benefit would be acquainting Opelikans with both the natural beauty of our waterways and the importance of protecting them from pollution. Indeed, CTO is such a great idea that we received a grant from the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service in 2019, through which they will help us create our master plan. (Unfortunately, the grant does not provide any financial assistance.)

Amenities such as CTO would have significant economic benefits for our community. Throughout Opelika, the city government, civic organizations, Chamber of Commerce, and businesspeople are working hard to develop our town into an attractive place to live and work. Their efforts are paying off, too. Last year *Southern Living* listed Opelika in the "top 20" best small towns in the South. Designations such as this invariably result in tremendous growth, and CTO will contribute to the many reasons why families and businesses move here.

Creekline Trails of Opelika has vision, desire, easements, and tremendous local support. With the land provided by the Opelika Industrial Development Authority for a path, we have everything we need to start building a trail, except the finances. As you well know, ideas such as this require tremendous amounts of money. I cannot overstate how critically important grant support through ADECA would be for launching the CTO project. It would enable us to build the first major trail that, in turn, would demonstrate to current and future Opelikans the benefits of the full trail network. In short, evidence strongly indicates that CTO will have very positive long-term benefits for economic and community growth in Opelika.

Creekline Trails of Opelika is a win-win for everyone involved: citizens, businesspeople, local government, civic organizations, and ADECA. With your financial support, Opelika will become the *best* small town in the South!

Thank you for your time and consideration of our grant proposal. Please contact us any time. We always welcome the opportunity to talk about Creekline Trails of Opelika!

Warm regards,

*Susan L. Brinson*

Susan L. Brinson  
Project Administrator  
slb2458@gmail.com

RESOLUTION NO. 026-21

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs has the authority to award grants under the Recreational Trails Program;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Opelika will partner with Creekline Trails of Opelika to further efforts to provide recreational opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application will focus on the development of multi-use trail along the Pepperell Creek bank located in the Opelika Innovation and Technology Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Opelika, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit on behalf of the City with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs a Recreational Trails Program Grant application in the estimated amount of \$400,000 for the development of a multi-use trail along the Pepperell Creek.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and file with said application appropriate assurances or any other documents required by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.
3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to furnish such other information as the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs may require in connection with the grant application.
4. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs on behalf of the City.
5. That the City hereby acknowledges the obligation of approximately \$148,454.50 in City funds and in-kind contributions to provide the local match. The local cash match shall be paid from the Unassigned Fund Balance and the Controller is hereby authorized to make any

necessary and appropriate budget and accounting entries necessary to implement this Resolution.

6. That the officers of the City and any person or persons designated and authorized by any officers of the City to act in the name and on behalf of the City, or any one or more of them, are authorized to do or cause to be done or performed in the name and on behalf of the City such other acts and to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered in the name and on behalf of the City such other notices, certificates, assurances or other instruments or other communications under the seal of the City or otherwise, as they or any of them deem necessary or advisable or appropriate in order to carry into effect the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

7. That this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

  
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DUNS: 831542035 CAGE Code: 5NSN1

Status: Active

Expiration Date: 05/12/2021

Purpose of Registration: Federal Assistance Awards Only

204 S 7TH ST

OPELIKA, AL, 36801-4904,

UNITED STATES

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### Entity Overview

#### Entity Registration Summary

**Name:** OPELIKA, CITY OF

**Business Type:** US Local Government

**Last Updated By:** Jon Hayes

**Registration Status:** Active

**Activation Date:** 05/14/2020

**Expiration Date:** 05/12/2021

#### Exclusion Summary

**Active Exclusion Records?** No



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